

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, BOWMAN, SPIEGELMAN, KALINOSKI

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Assistant Legal Counsel GALLAGHER  
Fire Marshal CLARK  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Deputy Chief LIVINGOOD  
Traffic Safety Officer FREED  
Community Development Director STROTHER

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, ROTHMAN, HECKER. FARREN, MYERS, SANCHEZ, MARKMAN, ZAPPONE

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Traffic Safety Officer Freed reminded everyone to take down the lawn signs from the traffic safety blitz in September and hold onto them until June.

Our Explorer Post, a great group of kids interested in a law enforcement career are having a fundraiser pancake breakfast at the North Penn VFW from 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and at noon will be a pig roast tailgate to benefit CAPT and also the scholarships that the Police Association awards to high school students.

Chief Kelly announced that in two weeks, he will begin his 45<sup>th</sup> year as a Police Officer, and in six weeks, he will begin his 32<sup>nd</sup> year with Abington Township, and there has been ongoing planning for the future of the police department.

Over the years, he has been fortunate enough to do training throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean and has been involved in the selection of dozens of Police Chiefs of various ranks. All of that has given him a tremendous appreciation of the complexity of the process as well as the importance of long-term implications to the police department.

One of his accomplishments are that eleven people who previously worked for him went on to be Police Chiefs including three members of the Abington Police Department.

Six years ago, we brought in a consultant from The Penn State Justice and Safety Institute to do a strategic planning process, and through that process, we prioritized external communications and then setup a Facebook page and other social media enabling the department to be much more involved with the community.

Community Policing has been important to the department as well as working with the community and central in winning not just one but two international community policing awards, which will be discussed at a future meeting. Out of all priorities established in the strategic plan, the number one was succession planning.

He was not able to be at the meeting where the Board appointed Deputy Chief Livingood as Chief of Police at the end of the first quarter of next year, but he wants the Board to know how important that entire process was and how much he supports the idea of John being the next Chief as he is someone who made our department great having served for over 40 years.

He wished Deputy Chief Livingood the best and John has been a great partner to work with and someone who can continue the legacy of the department.

Earlier this month, he and John made a new assignment to assign Lt. Patrick Molloy as the next Deputy Chief of Police.

Deputy Chief Livingood said we have looked at the talent in the department and the selection of Patrick Molloy was a natural one in which he decided a long time ago. It was not an easy decision as we have extremely talented leaders in our agency and they are Lt. Kelley Warner and Lt. Michael Gallagher.

However, we selected Patrick Molloy, and along with these leaders who stand here unified in our belief that Patrick Molloy is the person that will succeed him as Deputy Chief.

Pat has Bachelors and Masters Degrees from St. Joseph's University; head of our Community Policing Department; Commander of our Patrol Division and Commander of our Tactical Team. He is proud to serve with Pat.

Chief Kelly said as always we make a recommendation, but ultimately the choice of who will be the next Chief of Police after John leaves will be the Board's decision.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Rich Garrett of the Second Alarmers who was present to answer any questions by the Board.

Ordinance No. 2127 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2127 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2128 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections” and Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise Ordinance No. 2128 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on December 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated Deputy Chief designate Lt. Patrick Molloy and she asked for any general comments relating to Public Safety.

Commissioner DiPlacido congratulated Lt. Patrick Molloy.

Lt. Pat Malloy commented that he is very proud and honored to be surrounded by Chief Kelly and Deputy Chief Livingood as they have been his mentors. He assured that he will do his best to serve the community and his peers and carry on the great tradition that this department was built on. He appreciates the nod from Chief Kelly and Deputy Chief Livingood and also thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support.

President Luker commented that the support by Lt. Gallagher and Lt. Warner in this entire revision of the department was important and they deserve an equal amount of appreciation from the Board of Commissioners.

Chief Kelly agreed that either one of them could be appointed to that position. They are here to demonstrate the unity and togetherness that our police department will continue to show even in this time of change.

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> will be a service at 11 a.m. and Chief Kelly has been invited to be one of our honorees for the Commander Award. Everyone is invited and it is followed by a luncheon.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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